

What is the Southeast Michigan Immigrant and Refugee Funder Collaborative?

Southeast Michigan has not had an organized, formal structure to collaboratively learn, share, and fund issues that support immigrant and refugee populations in the region. To better understand how such a collaborative philanthropic response could be designed, the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, The Kresge Foundation and The Skillman Foundation partnered and supported the development of a landscape scan that was completed at the end of 2018. This brought to the forefront the urgency to create an organized philanthropic response to the needs of immigrant and refugee communities in southeast Michigan.

Who are we?

To catalyze local investment and respond to urgent need, Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees, a national affinity group of funders, made an investment in southeast Michigan that required a local match – which was met and exceeded. Currently, the Southeast Michigan Immigrant and Refugee Funder Collaborative includes the following funders: Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR), CFSEM, and The Kresge Foundation.

Due to this first of its kind partnership in southeast Michigan, this effort is now part of a larger, national network of similar collaboratives, which includes 24 collaboratives in 19 states, called [Delivering on the Dream](#). This formalized, national linkage with our peers provides a platform for shared learning opportunities that can be applied locally. All GCIR collaborative sites are poised to implement immigration relief and advance integration into American society in the longer term.

Who is eligible to apply?

Our priorities for the initial round of grantmaking are to fund existing, **collaborative efforts** that are supporting immigrant and refugee communities across the following issue areas:

- Advocacy and Organizing
- Capacity Building and Immigrant Leadership Development
- Civic Engagement
- Communications and Narrative Change Strategies
- Crisis Response
- Cross-Sector Movement Building
- Human Services
- Immigration Legal Services
- Mental Health and Well-Being
- Outreach, Education and Know Your Rights
- Other (please explain)

All proposals submitted during this round of grantmaking must be part of existing collaborative efforts (that include two or more organizations), with a lead applicant who would serve as the grantee and be responsible for grant monitoring and reporting. Collaborative efforts may be formally or informally organized.

- Lead applicant organizations must be 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations with a certified financial audit or financial review; financial documentation of other participating organizations is not required.
- Lead applicant organizations must be located in and/or serve the 7 counties in southeast Michigan (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Livingston, St. Clair, Monroe) and have a clear mission that addresses needs of immigrant and/or refugee communities.
- Lead applicant organizations must demonstrate how a grant of \$5,000 - \$50,000 will enhance, continue, and/or grow existing work that supports immigrant and/or refugee communities across one or more of the above-mentioned issue areas.
- Lead applicant organizations must submit a letter or memorandum of understanding that is signed by all participating organizations that indicates all partners have read and agree to the content of the application.
- Organizations may be part of multiple collaborative projects that submit applications. However, an organization should only serve as a lead application on one application.

2019 Grantmaking Timeline

- Applications open November 1
- Applications will be due by 5:00 pm on December 5
- Grantees will be notified and grants will be disbursed by December 31

The grant period should not exceed 1 year.

How to Apply

Applications will be accepted online through the Community Foundation's Fluxx portal. If you do not have a registered account, please follow [this link](#) to register before you begin your application.

The application can be found [here](#), and includes space to answer the following questions:

1. Name of lead applicant and participating collaborative members. Include a brief paragraph on the mission and work of each participating collaborative member.
2. Requested amount (between \$5,000 and \$50,000)
3. Name of collaborative effort (if applicable)
4. Identify which one (or more) of the following issues areas that is/are addressed by your collaborative effort:
 - a. Advocacy and Organizing
 - b. Capacity Building and Immigrant Leadership Development
 - c. Civic Engagement
 - d. Communications and Narrative Change Strategies
 - e. Crisis Response
 - f. Cross-Sector Movement Building
 - g. Human Services
 - h. Immigration Legal Services
 - i. Mental Health and Well-Being
 - j. Outreach, Education and Know Your Rights
 - k. Other (please explain)

5. Describe your target population and geography.
6. Describe the work of your collaborative.
7. Describe your proposed timeline.
8. Describe your intended use of grant funds (space to fill in a budget template will be given in the application). Please also include how funds will be distributed in support of all partners involved in this application. (A separate attachment for total project budget will be required.)

Required attachments:

- Cover letter
- Certified financial audit or financial review of lead applicant
- Letter or memorandum of understanding that is signed by all participating organizations that indicates all partners have read and agree to the content of the application.
- Total project budget
- List of Board of Directors or Trustees of lead applicant
- Operating budget for current fiscal year of lead applicant
- IRS 501(c)(3) federal tax-exemption letter
- Organization's diversity/equity/inclusion policy

Reporting guidelines will be distributed with grant awards.

Contact

The Southeast Michigan Immigrant and Refugee Funder Collaborative includes the following funders: Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees, and The Kresge Foundation.

The Fund is housed at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, a multi-faceted, full-service philanthropic organization leading the way to positive change in southeast Michigan. We promote and facilitate community philanthropy in seven counties in southeast Michigan: Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, Livingston and St. Clair, and we help donors invest in organizations they care about — locally and nationwide.

Questions?

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